Funds for defence related projects

2628. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions of funds made for the development of defence related projects by the end of the Ninth Five Plan, service-wise;

(b) the difference in funds allocated during the Eighth and the Ninth Five Year Plans;

(c) whether any disparity has been noted with the financial allocation; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Funds for the various defence projects for the services are made available under Capital Budget. The actual expenditure/allocations made during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan are given below:

Capital Outlay

(Rs. in crores)

	VIII Five Year Plan	IX Five Year Plan
Army	11156.03	20270.67
Navy	7865.77	17720.60
Air Force	13972.93	23443.07
DGOF	870.70	573.15
R&D	1801.18	3689.15
DGQA	16.97	34.87
Total	**35683.58**	**65731.51**

It is seen from the above statement that in the Ninth Five Year Plan, Rs. 30047.93 crores more have been provided in comparison to Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Fish finder developed by Bharat Electronics Limited

2629. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Limited has developed a Fish Finder to locate fish in the sea;

(b) if so, the details of the "Global Positioning System" (GPS); and

(c) how it would help in Navigation Guidance System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Bharat Electronics has developed an integrated fish finder and navigation guided system which basically consists of a global positioning system receiver and an echo-sounder. The global positioning system is an electronic device receiving satellite transmissions to determine the geographical position of the platform on which it is located, which in the case of fishing is a boat. It can also be pre-programmed to enable the boat to be navigated to a pre-determined position.

Investment by France in Indian defence sector

2630. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that France has shown interest in investing in the Indian defence sector;

(b) if so, what are the areas in defence sector in which France is interested to invest;

(c) whether any decision has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No proposal for investment in the Indian Defence Sector by France has been received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indians languishing in foreign jails

2631. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians languishing in foreign jails, particularly in US, UK and other developed countries; and

(b) in comparison to the activities of foreign embassies to get release of their citizens from the Indian jails, what role Indian Embassies have played to get release the Indians from the jails in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Accroding to Government's information, at present there are 6779 Indian citizens imprisoned in various foreign countries. A Statement of number